State Board of Cemeterians Board Meeting August 24, 2010

A meeting of the State Board of Cemeterians was held on August 24, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards office in Macon, GA. William (Micky) Couey, President, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: William (Micky) Couey, President; Tim Smith, Vice President; Clift Dempsey, Michael Lawrence, Emory Lamar and Richard Parker.

Staff present: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; and Melanie Brown, Board Support Specialist.

Others present: Mike Helmase with Lincoln Cemetery, Susan Mena, President of the Georgia Cemetery Association; and Jeff Ellis with Clark Memorials.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Parker seconded, and the Board voted to take action on the following case:

• ENCM00334 Issue a cease and desist order, and Enforce Registration.

Steve Lindsey presented a report of current registrations and advised the board that language on the old application is not sufficient for processing background checks according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations, urging those present to inform others that an updated application is available on the website with current language.

The Board Members present were provided an update on the current status of renewals being processed by staff.

The Board requested that the status be checked and a teleconference scheduled to issue cease and desist orders to the following registrants:

Greenlawn Cemetery Waycross, GA
Satilla Memorial Gardens Douglas, GA

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Mr. Lamar requested that an inspector be sent to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with O. C. G. A. §50-14-4(b) and §35-3-38 to review background information concerning a preneed sales agent application. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Couey. The Board concluded Executive Session at the end of discussion and entered back into Open Session.:

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted on the following application:

• 1242439 Approve pending review of valid citizenship status and Criminal history

Mr. Parker moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted to leave the cite fee adjustment as is, with no changes and a maximum cap of \$135.00.

The Board requested clarification from the Attorney General's office regarding BR 590-3-4-.01, specifically questioning Funeral Homes using insurance as a funding vehicle versus a trust, and whether or not they are required to register as a preneed dealer and submit required reports etc.

Mr. Dempsey moved, Mr. Lamar seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 28, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes approved at the February 15, 2011 board meeting.